<u>REMARKS</u>

The Office Action dated March 26, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 2-3 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claim 2 is amended into independent form, claim 3 is amended for clarification purposes only, and claims 1 and 4-12 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter disclosed therein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claim 2 contains allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) / 103(a) over Caren et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,029,442) in light of Evans et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,479,023). The cancellation of claim 1 renders its rejection moot. The amendment of claim 3 to depend only on allowable claim 2 renders claim 3 allowable. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) / 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 107348-00389**.

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